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1. AN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE KHMER MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS THE PARTICIPATION OF DR. WILHEM G. SOLHEIM II OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AS A CONSULTANT TO A REGIONAL SEMINAR WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ARCAFA (APPLIED RESEARCH CENTER FOR ARCHEOLOGY AND FINE ARTS). MEMBER NATIONS OF SEAMO WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN PHNOM PENH FROM DEC. 27 TO DEC. 29, 1973.
2. THE KHMER GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL BUT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM U.S. GOVERNMENT IN PAYING ROUND TRIP AIR FARE TO PHNOM PENH AND PER DIEM FOR THE PERIOD OF THE SEMINAR.
3. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS A WORTHWHILE PROJECT AND REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE FINDING A PRIVATE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR DR. SOLHEIM'S TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. A SIMILAR REQUEST IN 1972 WAS FUNDED BY THE ASIA FOUNDATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S GOOD OFFICES.
4. THE KHMER OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SEMINAR PREPARATIONS IS MR. PROM NUON THOL, ADMINISTATOR OF THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF ARCAFA. HE IS WORKING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE.
5. ACTION REQUESTED: A. DEPARTMENT CONTACT ASIA FOUNDATION RE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING DR. SOLHEIM'S TRAVEL AND PER DIEM.
B. USIA ADVISOR CINCPAC PLEASE CONFIRM DR. SOLHEIM'S WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

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